

Kentucky Postsecondary Education Fact Sheet

Simpson County



General Population Data

	County	State	US
Total population	16,405	4,041,769	281,421,906
Median household income	\$36,432	\$33,672	\$41,994
Percent living in poverty	11.6%	14.3%	11.9%
Percent eligible for Medicaid	16.1%	17.5%	N/A
Estimated percent who do not have medical insurance	12.0%	13.3%	14.2%
Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election	61.4%	64.7%	88.7%
Unemployment rate 2004	4.6%	5.3%	5.5%

Highest Level of Education

Less than a high school diploma or GED	26.4%	25.8%	20.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	41.8%	33.4%	28.6%
Bachelor's degree or above	10.7%	15.6%	22.3%
Number of additional bachelor's degree holders needed in this county for it to be at the US average			1,398

College Readiness

	County	State
Average ACT Score	21.6	20.9
Percent underprepared in one or more academic subjects	44.0%	48.2%
Percent underprepared in math	32.9%	34.7%
Percent underprepared in English	22.4%	24.5%

Educational Pipeline

Public high school graduates in 2004	148
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005	588
GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005	32
Number of students from this county who entered postsecondary education in Fall 2004	116
Number of students from this county who earned a bachelor's degree in 2004-05	61

Employment by Sector

	County	State
Agriculture, Mining & Other Nat. Resources	172	26,378
Manufacturing & Construction	3,751	346,875
Retail, Wholesale, Transportation & Utilities	1,465	368,755
Finance, Professional & Business Services	N/A	276,576
Education & Health Services	368	210,961
Government	841	289,987
Leisure, Hospitality and Other Services	1,056	206,240

Undergraduate Enrollments

Institution	Alumni	Fall 2004 Enrollment
University of Kentucky	158	25
University of Louisville	27	5
Eastern Kentucky University	25	3
Kentucky State University	5	1
Morehead State University	7	0
Murray State University	37	25
Northern Kentucky University	28	1
Western Kentucky University	618	304
Kentucky Comm. & Tech. College System	93	99
Independent Colleges & Universities	64	34
Total from this county	1,062	497

Financial Aid to Students from This County

Financial Aid Type	# Awards	Dollars
Federal Pell Awards	209	\$515,718
Federal Loans	236	\$1,135,741
Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships	222	\$295,693
State Need Based Grants	144	\$191,098

Notes:

Total population, median household income, percent living in poverty, and estimated percent who do not have medical insurance are all from the 2000 US Census.

Percent eligible for Medicaid is based on unpublished 2005 eligibility data from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services, and US census data.

Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election is from the State Board of Elections.

Unemployment rate 2004 is from the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training.

Employment by Sector information is 2004 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The self-employed and certain other workers are not included, and some data have been withheld due to BLS confidentiality rules.

Highest Level of Education information is from the 2000 US Census for those aged 18 and older.

College Readiness information is based on ACT or equivalent scores by 2001 and 2002 high school graduates who entered a Kentucky postsecondary institution in Fall 2002.

Public high school graduates in 2004 is from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005 and GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005 are from Kentucky Adult Education.

Financial Aid to Students information is from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

All other information is from the Council on Postsecondary Education.



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